

WHAT TO WEAR AT THANKSGIVING HOUSE PARTIES.

NEW DINNER JACKETS, TEAGOWNS AND DRIVING COSTUMES SHOWN BY ST. LOUIS IMPORTING TAILORS.



A DEBUTANTE'S EVENING FROCK

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THREE GOOD STYLES



DINNER GOWN OF CHIFFON AND CHIFFON CLOTH



DINNER GOWN OF SPANGLED NET



EVENING GOWN OF PALE YELLOW BROCADE

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC.
Long ago in ye olden time, when Thanksgiving was first planned or discovered, or instituted, the Thanksgiving dinner became the feature of the occasion, and all the family in all its ramifications came from near and far to be present at the parent board and give thanks over a bountiful table for all the mercies received.

Even as long ago as the Plymouth Rock colony the Thanksgiving dinner was made

an excuse or an occasion for donning the very best gowns that the housewife and her guests possessed.

Grandma brought out her black silk and her real lace cap and tippets, and her finery set the pace for all the others to follow.

Well, nowadays the party idea still holds good, but it is more likely to be a house party in the country, with the mornings devoted to horses and hunting, the short afternoons spent on the golf links, or in the squash courts, or perhaps in the billiard-room.

Then afternoon tea, a nap, dinner and perhaps a dance in the evening to while away the hours.

Now that our wealthier sets are becoming more and more enamored of country life it is quite the correct thing

to have Thanksgiving house parties, week-end house parties, birthday house parties—in short, any excuse is good enough to be seized upon for a house party—and the girl who is popular will be sure to receive invitations to as many as she can attend.

Thanksgiving sees the inauguration of this round of visits, and the would-be and expectant guests have been preparing their wardrobes for these evenings for many weeks past.

PLENTYFUL SUPPLY OF LITTLE DRESS ACCESSORIES NEEDED.

In the comparatively narrow circle which a house party affords, one's pet possessions in the way of trills and tulle-lace are likely to become rather well known before many moons have passed, and therefore it behooves the clever girl to so

plan and arrange her expenditures that she can have quite a change of costumes and a plentiful supply of all those little accessories which go so far toward making one look trim and stylish and up to date.

Since all smart society is copying the English fashions and methods of life—and in many instances improving greatly upon their original models—the afternoon tea has come to be recognized as the time when all the guests meet together to discuss a dish of tea, as the old phrase hath it, and talk gossip.

The girl who keeps right up in the front of fashion's procession will provide herself with as many of the fetching and fascinating tea gowns as her ingenuity will provide or her purse afford. In the soft half light, when it is too dark to see to read or sew and still

too early for lights to be turned on, witching women, in the flowing, classical draperies which characterize the genus tea gown, will take on an added charm in the eyes of her masculine friends, and many a conquest has been made over the tea-cups.

And in its recrudescence, the tea gown has taken on new and more fascinating features than ever before.

Sun-plate and accordion-plate are used in a thousand different ways, and all of the beautiful gowns which the beauties of the First Empire wore are being copied to-day for the beauties of the new century.

BEAUTY NAP BEFORE DINNER HOUR.

After her cup of tea my lady takes a

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